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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., January 26, 2007 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.54 million cattle on feed on January 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This inventory was up 5 percent from last year and 10 percent above January 1, 2005. This is the highest inventory since the series began in 1994.

Placements during December totaled 390,000 head, up 11 percent from 2005 but equal to 2004.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 350,000 head, up 15 percent from last year but 8 percent below December two years ago. Other disappearance during December 2006 totaled 10,000 head, compared with 15,000 head last year but the same as two years ago.

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on January 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2005 and 6 percent above January 1, 2005. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.71 million, 9 percent below 2005 and 7 percent below 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.63 million, 5 percent below 2005 and 9 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 88,000 during December, 3 percent below 2005 and 4 percent below 2004.

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